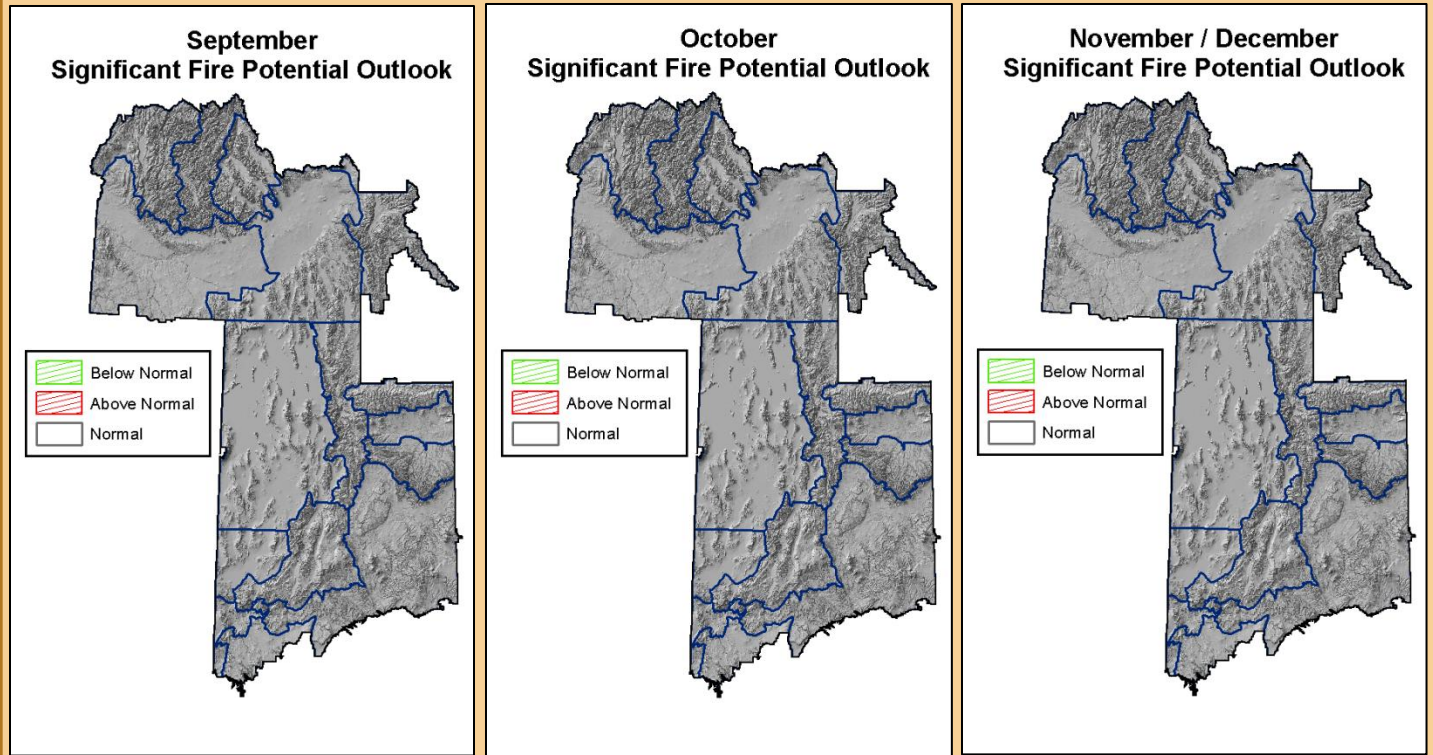


Eastern Great Basin Monthly/Seasonal Outlook

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OUTLOOK MAPS:



DROUGHT/FUELS DISCUSSION:

The critical fuel conditions that persisted across Idaho through the month of August have moderated somewhat going into September. A change in air mass to higher relative humidities and daily thunderstorms has decreased overall fire danger and even allowed some sagebrush plants to take up moisture. The 1000 hr fuel moistures across the central Idaho Mountains have begun to recover slightly but are still at record lows for the time of year.

Northern Utah really dried out during the first half of August with fire danger indices peaking for the season, but moisture moved in for the second half of the month dropping fire danger back down to below normal.

Although fire danger has moderated region wide going into September, the fuels still remain quite dry across western and central Idaho and will likely remain on the dry side through the first half of the month or until significant fall storms begin to move into the area.

Moderate to severe drought conditions persist across the entire geographic area with a small section of western Idaho falling into the 'Extreme' category.

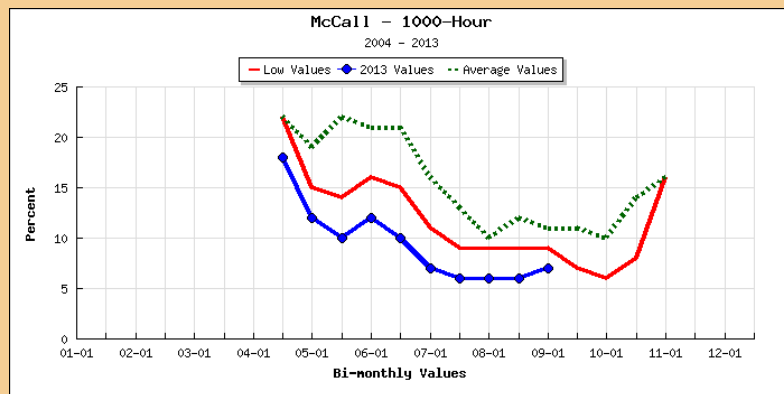
WEATHER / FIRE POTENTIAL DISCUSSION:

A low pressure trough is expected to track through the northern half of the Great Basin sometime during the first week of September. This system will bring cooler temperatures to the geographic area and possibly some precipitation to the northern Idaho Mountains. It appears that warm and dry conditions will follow behind this fast moving system as the ridge builds back into the Intermountain West. Warm and dry early fall weather will keep the potential for fires in the forecast, but new large, long duration fires will be unlikely in September.

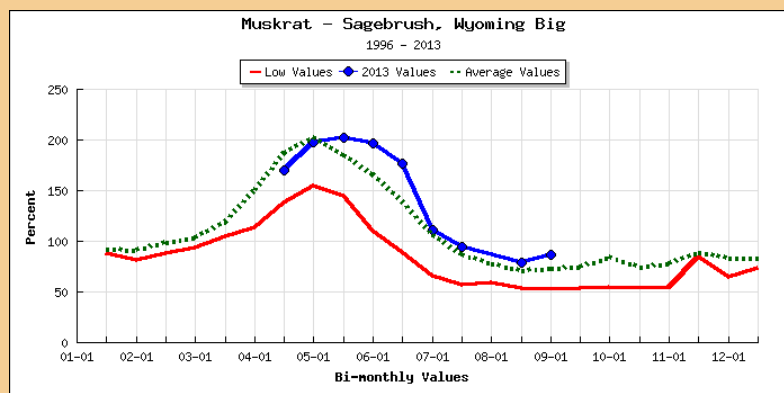
Large fire potential will be normal for October through December, which is typically quite low.

LIVE FUEL MOISTURE: Sagebrush

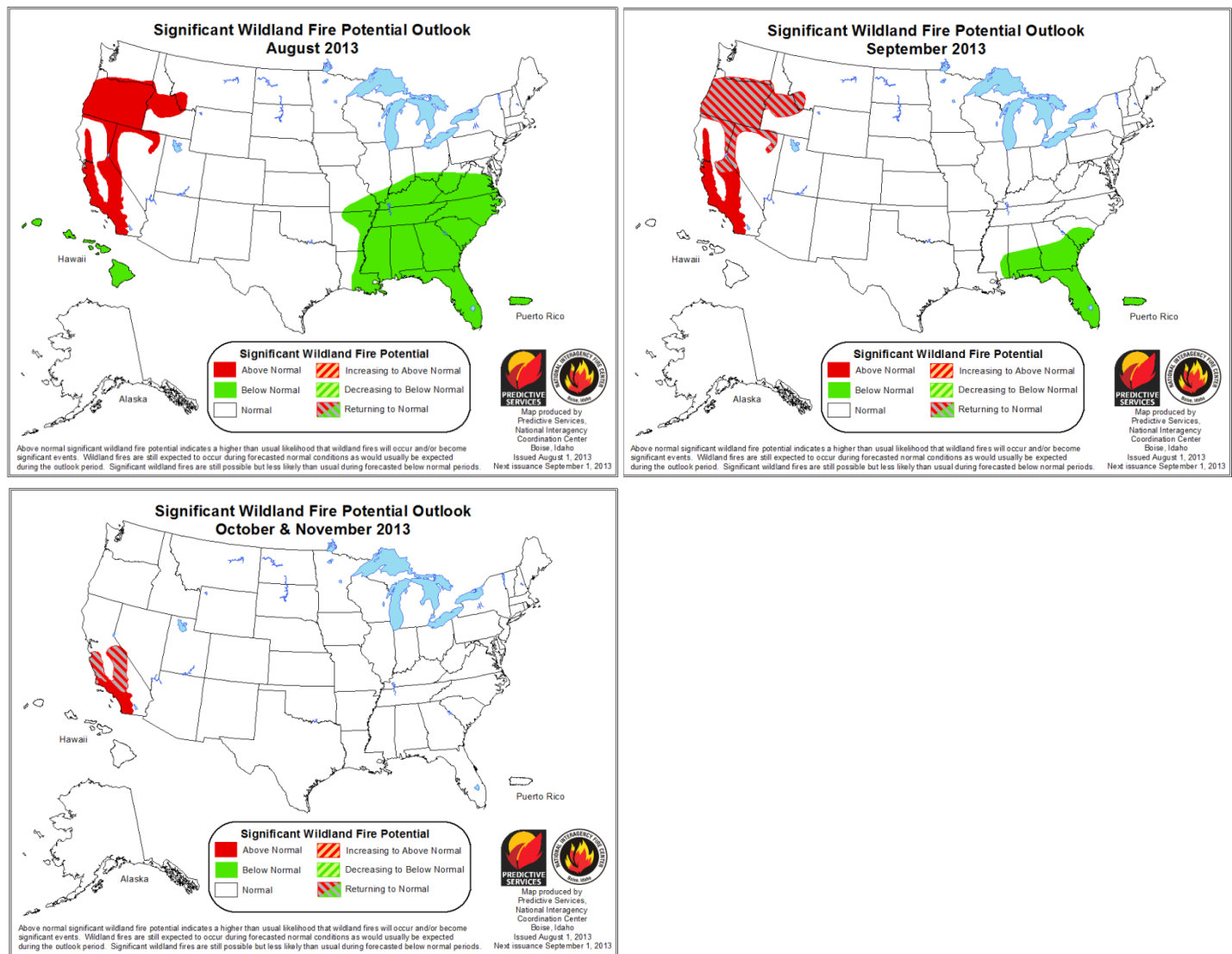
Western Idaho Mtns
BELOW NORMAL



Northwest Idaho
ABOVE NORMAL



NATIONAL OUTLOOKS:



Additional Information:

- National Outlook text:
http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/monthly_seasonal_outlook.pdf
- Live Fuel Moisture website:
http://www.wfas.net/nfmd/public/gacc_map.php?gacc=EGBC
- Energy Release Component(ERC) Charts
http://gacc.nifc.gov/egbc/predictive/ffp_charts/ffp-erc.html